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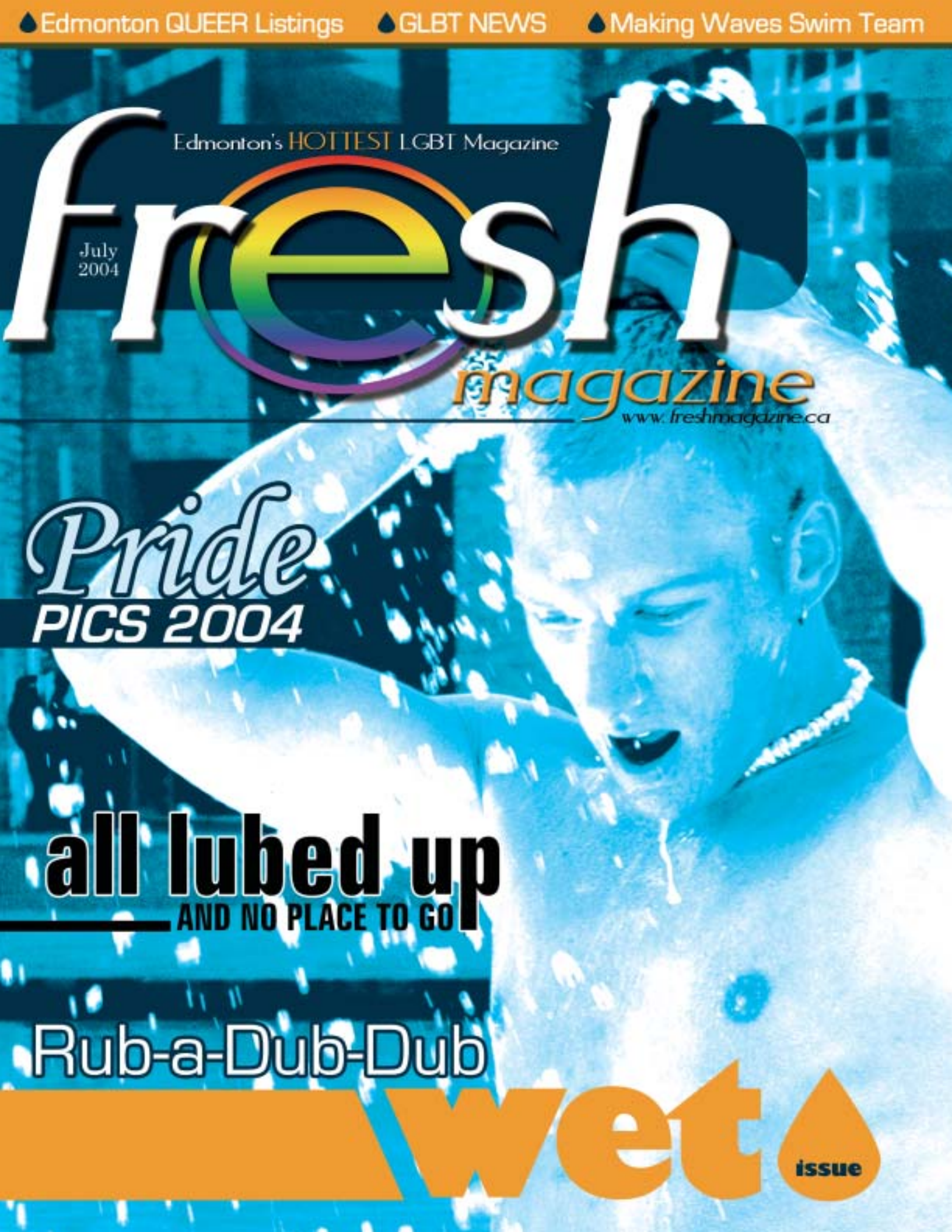

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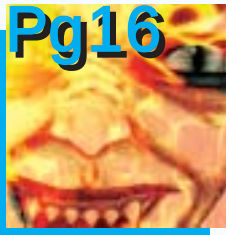

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QUEER News

Probing the 'Pussy Palace'

Four years after Toronto police raided a lesbian bathhouse, the Ontario Human Rights Commission has ordered a public inquiry into police conduct. On September 15, 2000 the men's bathhouse 'Gay Toronto' had been transformed into the 'Pussy Palace', a lesbian event where women made use of a normally all-male establishment. Claiming to be pursuing a routine liquor license inspection, an all-male group of police officers spent more than 90 minutes walking through the building. While acquitting organizers of liquor code violations Justice Peter Hryn "said the officers' entry into the club was comparable to a strip search, calling it outrageous, flagrant, deliberate, unjustified and ad a violation of the women's constitutional rights." A complaint was filed with the Ontario Human Rights Commission, to which neither the Police Chief nor the Police Services Board responded.

from:www.pussypalacetoronto.com

(Source: 365gay.com)

Homo Stats, Ten Times Less

Statistics Canada released two controversial studies this month. The Canadian Community Health Survey reported that one per cent of Canadians identify as homosexual, with an additional .7 per cent identifying as bisexual. Stats Can asked 83,729 Canadians between 18 and 59 about how they identify their sexuality. Critics of the study point out that the number of people who engage in same-sex sexual relations is considerably higher than the number of people who identify as gay/lesbian or bisexual and that continuing stigmatization of queer people creates a reluctance to respond honestly to questions about sexual identity. Quebec reported the highest rate of queerness at 2.3 percent, while Albertans weighed in at 1.2 percent. The study also raised concerns about the quality of health care received by queer Canadians. 22 percent of homosexuals and bisexuals reported unmet health care needs, compared to only 13 percent of heterosexuals.

(Source: 365gay.com)

Dick Cheney

from:gaytoday.badpuppy.com/

More From Stats Canada

Statistics Canada also released a new report on hate crimes this month. It found that 10 percent of the nearly 1,000 hate crimes commiteed in 2001 and 2002 were against gays and lesbians. Police forces in 12 Canadian cities, including Edmonton and Calgary, were asked to report statistics on hate crimes in their respective jurisdictions. The largest portion of hate-crimes were anti-Semitic in nature (25%) and approximately 80% of all hate-crimes were committed by someone who was not acquainted with the victim. Of the lgbt people who experienced hate-based crimes, 46% were injured as a result of the incident. The study's authors point out that this is almost double the rate at which other victims of hate crimes were injured (26%). The target of a hate crime was found to be most likely exposed to threats (49%) or physical force (34%). Knifings made up 6% of attacks, other weapons an unknown weapons comprised another 10%, with firearm attacks making up less than 1% of attacks.

(Source: sask.cbc.ca, June 2, 2004; Statistics Canada, 'The Daily', June 1, 2004)

Dear Mary, Your Dad's a Hypocrit

John Aravosis is on a mission to expose the Bush adminstration's hypocritical attitude toward gays and lesbians. The focus of his campaign is Mary Cheney, a lesbian, the daughter of Vice President Dick Cheney and director of vice-presidential operations during the Bush-Cheney campaign for the Whitehouse in 2000. Mary Cheney has also helped recruit Republican homosexuals and continues to be a key Republican organizer. Aravosis claims her usefulness to the Republicans is in stark contrast to their anti-gay policies, particularly the President's call for a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage. Aravosis, who has been running a web-based campaign from *www.DearMary.com* has produced an ad to bring attention to this contradiction. The ad will appear on sites including *WashingtonPost.com* and the satirical newsletter The Onion (*onion.com*).

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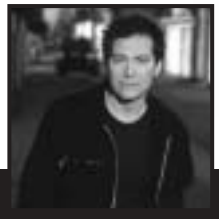

Pink Lotus Washroom Good for All

Transgendered students at a private college in Thailand have been given their own washroom, designated by a pink lotus. After receiving numerous complaints of bullying and humiliation the Chiang Mai Technology College decided to create a safe space for students known in Thailand as 'lady-boys' or transsexuals. College representatives note that since the third washroom has been designated complaints have been almost eliminated and the grades of effected patrons have improved.

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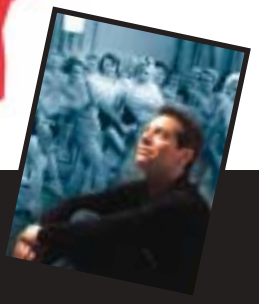

Mini-Profile

Michael Feinstein

Award-winning musical artist Michael Feinstein is currently touring to promote the latest album "only one life", a compilation of the best of songwriting legend Jimmy Webb. Over the course of his career, this out artist has traversed the road from pop culture to more classical, with television credits for such shows as Melrose Place, Coach, and Sybil, as well as the score for Bruce Vilanch's Get Bruce. Feinstein is perhaps best known for his interpretation of artists like Irving Berlin, Duke Ellington, and his mentor Ira Gershwin. While musically his passion remains with music from the 1930s to the 1960s, Feinstein also has a place in his heart for AIDS-fighting organzation Broadway Cares.

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Rub-a-Dub-Dub

Although the days of Bette spending her evenings crooning away may be over, the bathhouse is still an important gay institution. For our WET issue, I take you through that locked door into the steamy sudsy world of the "tubs".

A lot of people find bathhouses disgusting, thinking that they're dirty, that they're disease-ridden, that it's all old men or fat men or men that they otherwise don't consider attractive. Having worked at a bathhouse for four years, and having been to one or two as a patron in my time, I can safely say that those are just misconceptions, and quite large ones at that. So what's a bathhouse really like? Well, for the most part, a baths is a series of private rooms, usually furnished solely by a bed and garbage can, with a hook or a drawer for your clothes and other personal belongings. People tend to wander around in towels, although some do stay dressed and some go completely naked. Although the list of amenities change from one bathhouse to another, typical features include a shower area, steam room, dry sauna, whirlpool, porno lounge, cable TV lounge, and a concession. Other features can include glory hole booths, dark rooms, slings and harnesses, etc.

Most baths are actually quite clean. Baths staff (and no, bathhouse staff don't actually bathe anyone), spend as much time of a shift cleaning as they do on customer service. Cleanliness and sanitation is a huge factor in a baths success; after all, most people prefer to have sex somewhere tidy.

And let's face it. Bathhouses are for sex. Now that doesn't mean it's all completely casual or anonymous. Many, maybe even most, people carry on conversations with their sex partners before/after. People have even been known to develop friendships or relationships out of a bathhouse fling. Nor is the baths solely for sex. Some people treat it as a social outlet too. They don't like hanging out at bars but for interacting with other gay guys on a social level, the baths suit them just fine.

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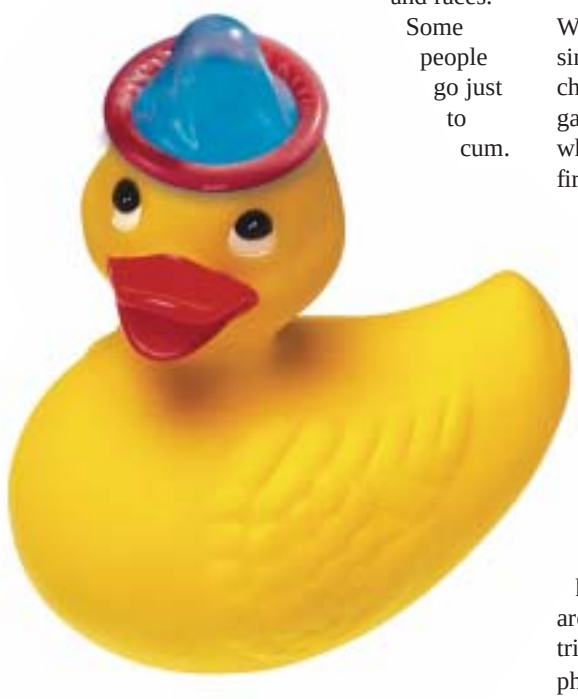
Clientele is as varied and diverse as anywhere. Out-and-proud homos, closeted guys, bi married guys, all ages, builds, and races. Some people go just to cum.



Others go to hang out. And yes, no matter how high you think your standards are, someone good looking enough will be there. Eventually. Cruising at the baths is a waiting game; as one of my better baths friends says "you pays your money and you takes your chances". The younger crowd is typically later at night while the afternoons gets more of the older business crowd in for a quickie, but there are no rules; as staff, I'd checked in hotties at all hours of the night and day, gorgeous specimens of manhood that I'd never seen anywhere else.

When it comes to cruising for sex, baths are simply easier and more honest than bars or chatlines. Yes, there's still pose-and-model games at the bathhouse; men are cowards when it comes to making that all-important first move. But everyone is there for one thing, and everyone knows what that is. And you can see what you're getting too; hard to lie about your stats when you're walking in a towel or sitting naked in a whirlpool.

And lastly, no, bathhouses are not disease-traps. Sex goes on so people can "catch" something, but like anywhere else, that's because of the importance of safer sex. At least bathhouses provide you with condoms and lube upon check-in, not to mention having more safer sex promotion materials around than typically at a bar. Whether your trick is at the tubs or from the bar or a phoneline or a grocery store, ride safely. ▽

all lubed up?

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Lubrication is not just for the boys. When it comes to safe and comfortable sex don't be shy about using some of that lovejuice in a bottle whenever the moment arises. There are so many different lube companies that of course try to inundate us with their advertising, and convince us that above all else their lube is superior. However, as with many things in this world not all lubes are created with females in mind. And even fewer are created with lesbian or bisexual women in mind.

Not every female has the ability to create ample natural lubrication. Just because a women is dry does not mean she is not aroused. Sex should be a pleasurable experience though, and too much friction definitely puts a damper on even the hottest sex. To quote Fresh's own Arron Kardolus, "trying to have sex without lube is like trying to go down a waterslide without water." It's just not a pretty thing. So don't leave you or your partner sticking to that slide.

I don't really feel that there is any one brand that that is far superior to all others on the market. You really have to consider your own needs, and what activities the lube will be used for. Most major companies have been jumping on the bandwagon and creating an extensive collection line of lubes. My personal recommendation is that you read those labels ladies. Chances are that you do not want some of the ingredients contained in many lubes touching your precious parts.

Nonoxyl 9 is a prime example of an unwanted ingredient for women loving women. It is a spermicide, and it has caused a lot of allergic reactions for women. My high school CALM teacher passed around a bottle of a nonoxyl 9 based lube and told us to put a patch on our hands to see if we had an allergic reaction. I am rather glad she did this, because after seeing what it did to my hand it's definitely not something I want slathered on my nether regions. If sperm is not involved in your sex regime than why even take the risk?

Flavoured lubes are also something to be careful of. As fun as they might be, most flavoured lubes contain lots of sugars and other delights that disrupt the natural ph balance of the female body. As soon as you go messing with ph levels in females you are heading into the land of yeast infections. And that is just NOT sexy.

Silicon based lubes are another culprit to watch out for. I personally like how slippery these lubes are, but there are a couple of major pitfalls. First of all these lubes will stain, and they are not compatible with silicone based sex toys. This is an important consideration, because the last thing anyone needs is their silicone lube breaking down their silicone toy. Sex toys aren't cheap so protect that investment. If you decide that you are partial to the silicon lubrication route than put a latex condom over your dildo, vibrator or other delights. That way both you and your toy can live a long happy existence.

Here are my top picks in no particular order;

Astroglide: "second only to nature" this lube stays slick for a long time, and is odorless. It does have somewhat of a sweet taste, but I don't think that is deliberate. This is a good versatile lube. It is non-staining, but it can get sticky.

Pjur Venus Body Glide: This is made by the same company that manafactures Eros. Venus is the female counterpart, and she definitely aims to please. This is a tasteless AND odorless lube. It never gets sticky, and don't be fooled by the slightly higher price . A little dab is definitely all you need.

KY liquid: How can we talk about lube without talking about KY? This water based lube is far superior to KY's original highly viscous formulation. It is cheap in price, but still high in quality. And if want to try a new spin on things you can explore KY warming for a fun new sensation. Although I have noticed that the warming formula doesn't seem as long lasting as the original KY liquid.▽

fresh by the bi

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I'm writing this while we're still smack-dab in the middle of the Pride Festival. It's hard to pull myself out of the pandemonium long enough to focus on my column. Actually, to be honest, it's hard to stop from all the goings-on, to-do-lists, and things I should be doing right now and sit silently at a computer and type. The editor even gave me the option to not run my column this issue because he knew how busy Pride has made me (and the other coordinators). I couldn't do that. The bi voice is so quiet so very often that it would be unfortunate to have an absent bi column this issue. However, I must apologize in advance to the editors - I was a bad boy and didn't follow the issue's theme at all - you can spank me if you like.

Although the Pride celebrations are over, I need to showcase a significant event during Pride that might have been missed by some fellow bisexuals. There were two new awards added to the Pride Awards this year. There are the four standards: Maureen Irwin, Michael Phair, Sheryl McInnis, and Larry Sands - the Lesbian, Gay Man, Education/Academic, and Business Awards respectively. This year two new awards were added and named after their first recipients: the Todd Janes Award and the Mickey Wilson Award - the Bisexual and Transgender Awards respectively.

I am obviously over-flowing with pride and love for Mickey. I am ecstatic over the

Pepper's Guide to... new Releases

by Pepper

With summer here most of us have a little more time to sit in front of the old boob tube. Take this time to get caught up on all those movies that have come out that you saw the trailers for but never made it to the theater to see. Now I'm just like the next girl always running about, never taking a break. Well I finally did and in doing so I've caught some great flicks. So take my advice and get comfy on the couch.

The first movie on this list for me is one I really wish I caught in theater. The amazing Charlize Theron gives the Oscar winning performance of her career in "Monster". Based on the true story of Aileen Wuornos America's first female serial killer, you will not recognize the stunning Charlize at all, the amount of transformation is truly phenomenal. Although there is a great amount of darkness in this film there is still that crack of light under it all. The love that Aileen finds in Selby Wall played by Christina Ricci gives this broken creature her first glimmer at love and hope. This movie has such a strong reality that you can't help but to be sucked into these characters fates. I have never seen a camera capture so many raw emotions in one person's eyes.

Now on a happier and funnier note "Along Came Polly" starring Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston. Funny funny ha ha stuff. And the nice thing is it isn't forced. This movie doesn't come at you with punch line after punch line just to get in the most possible laughs in an hour and a half. The comedy happens very naturally thanks to the great casting. The story of a man jilted on his honeymoon and dealing with life alone, finds comfort in best friend Sandy. While getting back on the saddle and back into the game he runs into an old junior high friend Polly. And the adventure begins. This movie proves opposites attract and showcases the things we'll put up with and do for the one we want. After that train wreck "Duplex" (sorry Drew baby I still love you, don't worry it was all Ben's fault) I personally felt Mr. Stiller owed me one.

"take my advice and get comfy on the couch"

Being a dancer myself I was very excited about this movie from first peek at the trailer. "You Got Served" staring Omarion and Marques Houston contains some of the hottest dance sequences captured on film. Along with some of the worst acting. The see through plot and forced ghetto script falls short of a bad after school special. This is the flick you want for the summer drink fest slash dinner party to be playing in the back round. You'll all get a laugh from cutting up the flick and be blown away by the moves. So check it homes with your crew and bust it out, straight hood bro. (I swear I'm the whitest black person I know)

I would like to take a moment to talk about some of the movies I've recently got a chance to catch in theater. First I have to mention the biggest waste of money I had the pleasure to throw $10.50 at. "Van Helsing" starring the dreamy Hugh Jackman was such a disappointment. The special effects were sensational and the look was cool, but I have never seen something so obviously created just to be marketed into other aspects. It was a video game with bits of acting and plot, and the saddest attempt to hitch a ride on the concept of taking classic literature and spicing it up.

I'm a big fan of the Harry Potter franchise so you can just imagine how wet my panties were in anticipation of the newest installment to the series. Sadly "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" left me disappointed, for being a longer book then the first two, the movie seemed a little short. Critical points were forgotten, and over looked. In my opinion new director Alfonso Cuaron took some liberties that I didn't appreciate. Rooms moved location, the whomping willow was no longer on the grounds, the only change I liked was the addition of Dawn French. The new Dumbeldore was a little flighty, but the new teachers Lupin and Trelawney were great. The cinematography also lacked luster and seemed a little one note ish. But on the up side the kids are getting older and some are turning into right hotties (the Weasley twins). With a killer storm as a backdrop it was my favorite Quidditch match so far. Harry's new foes the Dementors were also displayed perfectly. The director really captured the look and feel of the twisted characters J.K. Rowling describes

Finally I want to discus "Kill Bill Vol. 2" starring the kick butt Uma Thurman. Finally a movie that gave me my money's worth. Now this isn't a sequel, it's the continuation of the story, so don't go expecting the first segment again. There is obviously no big gang fight scene because none of the characters left are heads of mafia groups. In this portion of the tale Quentin Tarantino's comic genius really shines through. The characters are more deeply explored, and the history of how this came about is uncovered. I was also blown away by the amazing performance given by Daryl Hannah as Elle Driver. The cat fight between these two blonde beauties will go down in chick scrap history. Now I didn't think anything was going to beat the fight with Gogo, but Quentin of course tops himself and takes it higher and harder. If you loved the characters and story of the first and not just the action, this is a must see. ▽

wonderful honour of having an award named after him and witnessing the recognition for his sincere dedication to the community. I love you. Okay, onto the 'bi stuff'...

As a bisexual member of Edmonton's GLBT community, I was overjoyed at seeing a fellow bisexual recognized and awarded for his work in the community. Todd's bio is beyond impressive. His contributions to Edmonton's GLBT community go above and beyond most. During his speech, he talked about labels and letters and was humble regarding all the work he has done laying groundwork for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and trans people of Edmonton. For me, the addition of a bisexual award was a stepping stone. It was symbolic of an inclusion of bisexuals in the community. Of recognition and realization of the 'B' in the GLBT community and the contribution that bisexuals make in bettering the lives of gay men, lesbians, and trans people. Congratulations Todd!

I'm not naïve. I know that there are still people who do not accept bisexuals and trans people as members of the community. They see us as 'supporters' of the 'gay and lesbian community', but not brothers and sisters. Although the first to stand at Stonewall were transsexual women, it is seen by many gay men and lesbians as 'their group' helping 'our group', not 'we' and 'us'. I look forward to the day when we are a solidified front against discrimination and prejudice and a unified force fighting for equal access and human rights. When it's referred to as the 'community', including bisexuals and trans people, and not the 'gay and lesbian community' and it's 'supporters'.

Until that day, to the dismay of many, I'm sure, I will continue to declare my place in the community, as a member of it, not just a supporter, and I will fight for my own rights along with theirs, as so many other 'T's and 'B's do.

I hope you all had a great Pride and that you find reasons every day to be proud of who you are. ▽

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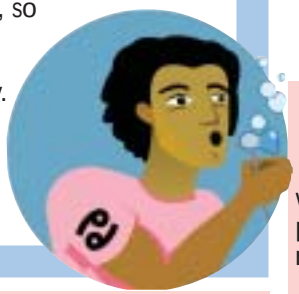
Cancer June 22 - July 22
God bless Mother Nature, she's a single woman too. She took off to heaven and she did what she had to do. She taught every angel to rearrange the sky, so that each and every person could find their perfect girl/guy.

It's raining men/women. So go get yourself wet. I know you want to.



Leo July 23 - Aug 22
Misplaced feelings may throw a wet blanket on your love life but you can and will find ways to overcome any sensitive matters.

Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22
Some see their glass half empty, some see it half full. You see it as a good time to get the bartenders attention. Have fun!

Libra Sept 23 - Oct 23
You know that the best love is the under water love. Maybe its time you took home that fish. That means a Pisces, of course!

Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 21
Bring your umbrella today, unless you've already left, in which case it's too late, and you'll probably get wet. The lesson here is to read queer-o-scopes before you leave.

Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 24
Skip work one day this month, when it's hot and sunny and check out some of the eye candy at one of Edmonton's fine outdoor pools.

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19
You are going to lose a wet underwear contest this month. Don't bother entering, unless, of course, you get off on the humiliation.

Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 18
Being the water gatherer you are, you're so wet. But don't let your erotic desires cloud your judgement unless it's about that certain sexy Pisces you've been dreaming of.

Pisces Feb 19 - March 20
On the relationship side you are often quite shy about getting your feet wet and this can cause you to feel that you miss some chances at finding the perfect match.

Aries March 21 - April 19
Your libido may feel like a wet noodle this month. Spice things up with a flavoured lube or some warming lotion.

Taurus April 20 - May 20
You may feel wet behind the ears when it come to dating, but just dive in, you'll feel refreshed.

Gemini May 20 - June 21
Relish any moist dreams you may have this month. They may be the most fun you're going to have.

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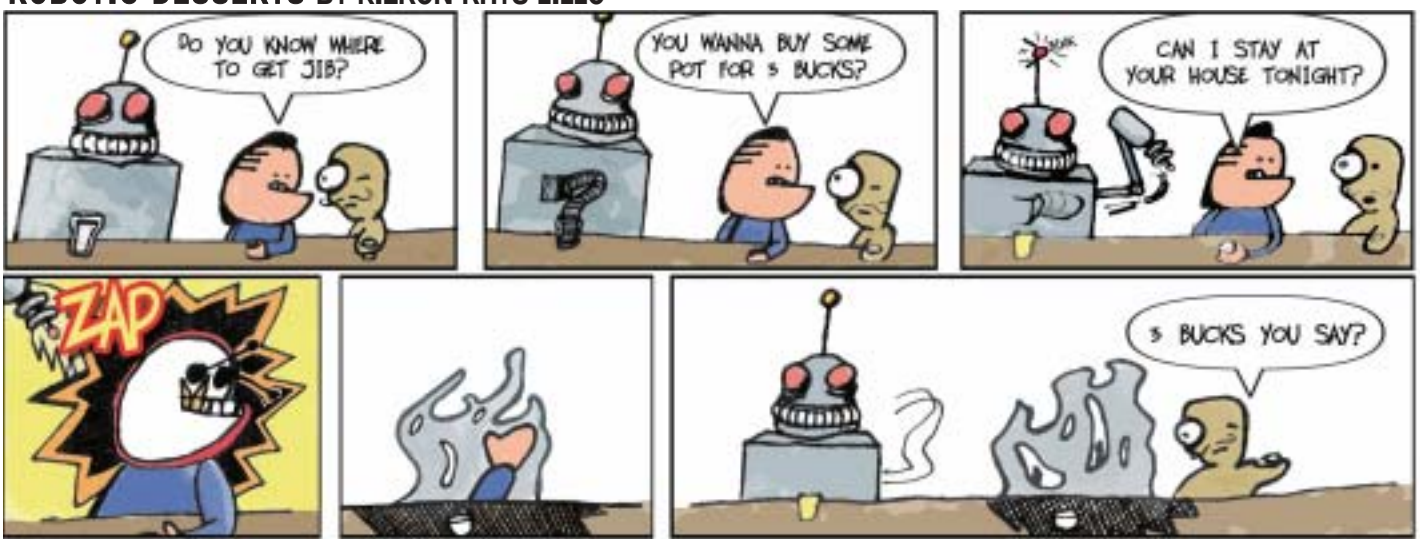

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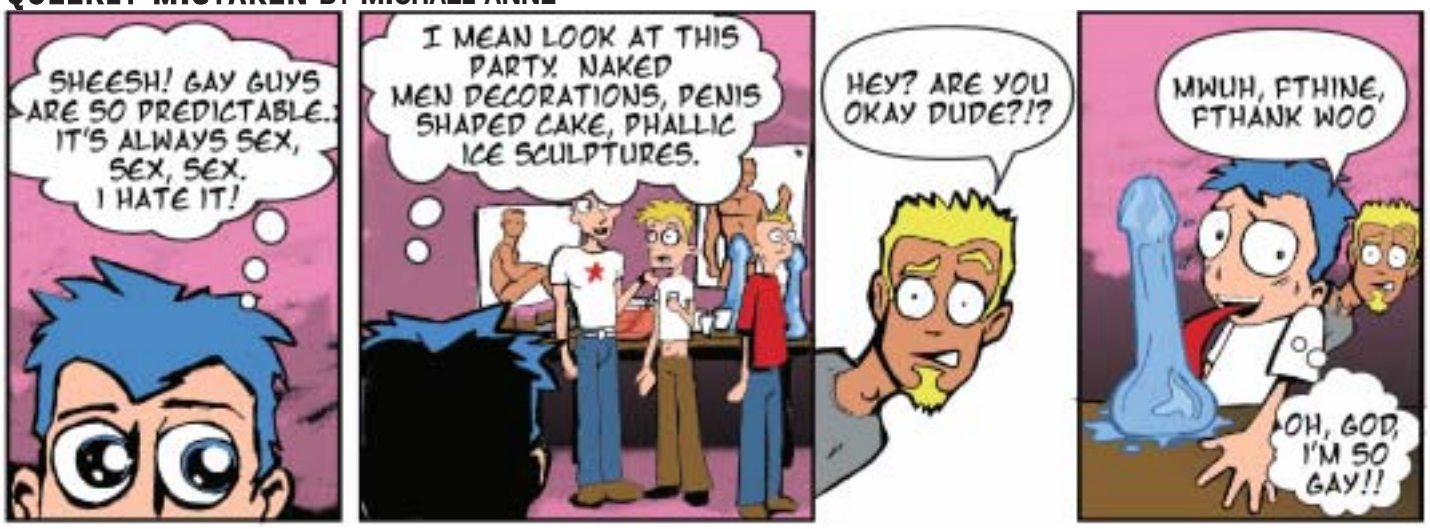
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HEY? ARE YOU OKAY DUDE?!?
MWUH, FTHINE, FTHANK WOO
OH, GOD, I'M SO GAY!!

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good wet fun

In Edmonton, nay, the world, there are not many bigger place to get wet then at the World Water Park. You know, that colossal indoor pool with miles of slides that sits in the world famous West Edmonton Mall. The last time I was in there, I was standing on the porch viewing area for clothed shoppers, such as myself, to watch the myriad of people walk around in their swimsuits; and by people I mean men, and by watch I mean gawk. I ended up dropping my Louis Vuitton (yes, it's real) wallet over the fence and it landed just out of reach of my long feminine fingers. Being as athletically challenged as I am jumping the fence was not an option. I was forced to run, as quickly as my weak knees were able to take me, and find a door to get in. Luckily for me I made it to my wallet, knees intact, and everything was fine. Looking at the water park I saw more rust lying underneath the surface of the water. There were a few new slides and an added bar, but to me it was still a place I could never go - as long as my belly continues to feel the need to wobble for seconds after I stop walking. Watching the patrons made me remember a time that I myself was water submersed and having the time of my life.

Many moons ago when I was just shy of 19 I met my first group of gay friends at a bar called "109". The bar doesn't exist any more, nor do the packed to the brim nights that were once staples in the Edmonton gay bar scene. When the bar closed, sometimes at 5 am, my friends and I would continue the evening, and head for the Legislature Grounds. It was there that we traded in the pounding bass of speakers for the cascading sound of water fountains. We would jump fully clothed into the pool there. We would talk about our night, our next day, and invariably how we couldn't wait for the next weekend. We didn't care about our bodies, we didn't even drink at the bar. We were out to dance, to have a good time. It was pure fun. Unfortunately, I didn't realize how good it was until some time later.

There is a scene in the movie 'The Hours' in which a mother is telling her daughter about the happiest time in her life. She states that when she was young she was so full of anticipation and couldn't wait for the fun, the joy, to begin. It never occurred to her until years later, that she had been in it. It was then. She was so busy looking to the future that she didn't see what was already around her. Our thoughts and judgements of ourselves and situations can easily be clouded. Never satisfied we look to the future, often for what is already around. We want something different than what we have, and half the time we don't even know what that is. It is a mistake that is easily made, and quite often regretted. The hardest part is that we don't know we are even making it. We realize, sometimes years later, that we were blind to how good it really was and would give anything to have that relationship, that best friend, those late night swim-parties or that 29-inch waist again.

It is times like that I need to remember that while many of my old friends have moved away, I have new ones. That if my former loose pants are on the verge becoming too tight, I have other ones that fit. And just because my two-pack has been replaced by a keg, I still have me. It doesn't matter how things were, or used to be. Having myself, in the now, is all I need to go to the Water Park, have some fun, and watch the boys walk around. And by watch I mean ogle. ▽

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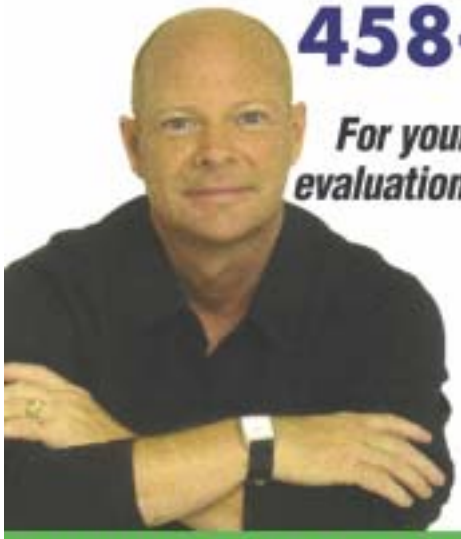

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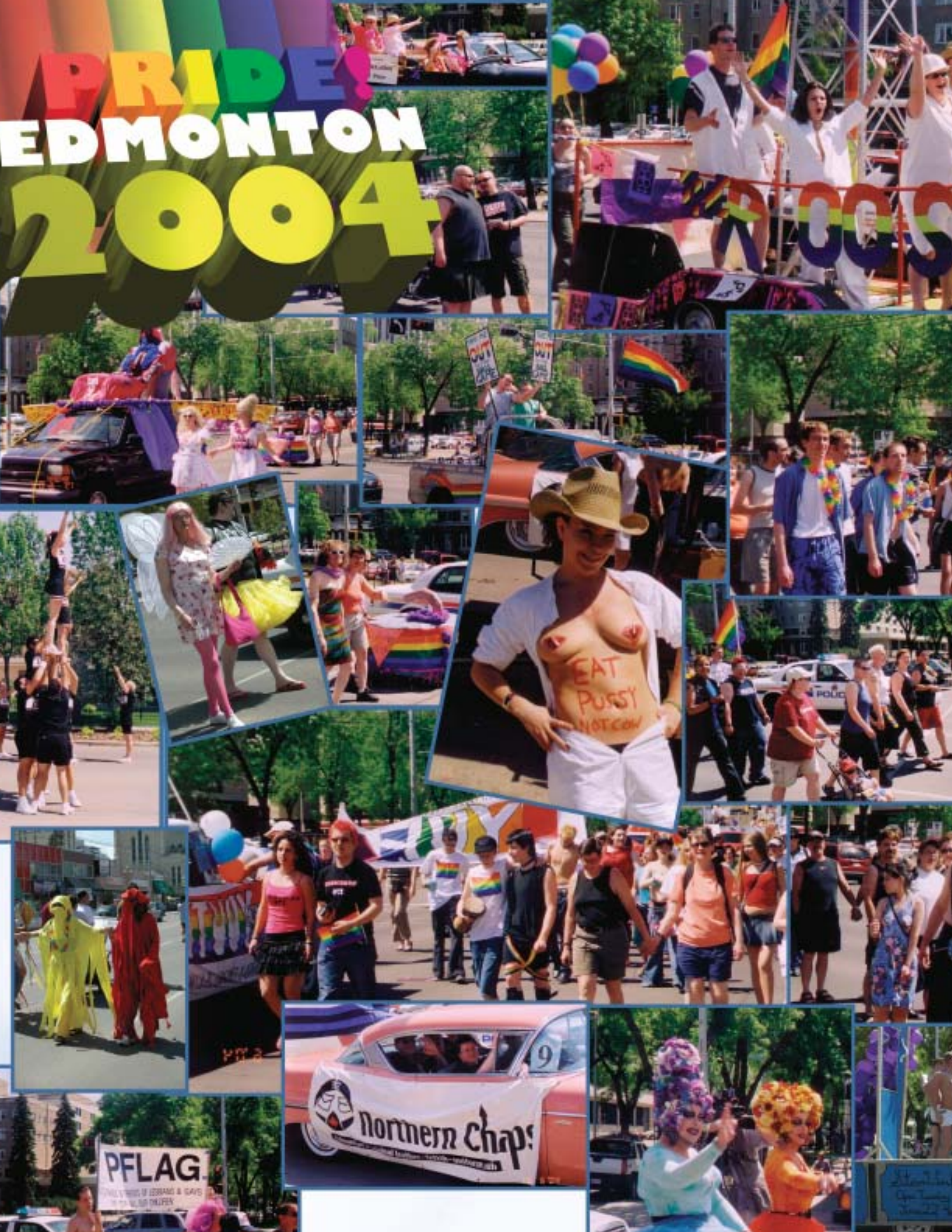
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Pride Reconstructed

This synopsis will fill you in on the many incredible events that made up our recent Pride Festival, in case you missed out. We at Fresh had an amazing week and we would like to thank all the sponsors and volunteers that made the week possible, especially Mickey, Arron, Lance, and Blair. It was a phenomenal week, for all the Gs, Ls, Bs, and Ts, and any other letter!

For you bar-goers, the Festival started one day early, as Thursday June 17 saw two events. The newly-elected Empress Sticky Vicky had her first show of the year at the Roost, an auspicious beginning to the 29th House's reign. Youth Understanding Youth held an Open Mic Fundraiser for the new Pride Center at Woodys, hosted by Fresh's own Rob; the event featured some great live singers, as well as some stand-up and poetry.

Saturday June 19 was of course the Parade. The weather was perfect, and the crowd was the biggest yet. It can indeed be overwhelming to come around that corner of 111 St onto Jasper and see the multitudes, and it shows how far Edmonton's community has come. The parade was followed by the ERBA Business fair, which was, as last year, a great success, with food by PFLAG, as well as the Pride Beer Gardens and entertainment stage featuring Cheer San Francisco and our own Pride Squad Edmonton. More than one person left a little sunburned, but I don't think anyone minded; it was a sea of smiles.

Sunday June 20 was Pride in Song at Lambda and Garneau United, featuring Jim and Jean Strathdee. Both the morning and evening services were well attended. The energy was high and everyone had a great time singing, dancing, and worshipping with Jim and Jean. Their friendly smiles and wonderful personalities kept everyone chatting and smiling long after each service.

Running Sunday and Monday was the Out-is-In Project. "Have we come so far" was an intriguing look into the minds and lockers of queer youth today. Highlights were the patchwork quilt the kids put together and the 'Snakes and Ladders' game with positive and negative coming out responses.

Wednesday June 23 was Punk Pride at New City. With a much bigger crowd than anticipated, it was a refreshing change from your "standard" pride events. With live performances by gk and the press plays, Pangina, and the Vertical Struts, it was a great night to punk out. Kudos to Chris Samuel for giving Pride Week an event for people who get bored of the same old disco anthems.

The highlight of the week for me came with **Thursday June 24's Acts of Pride**, organized by Troy Funk and held at Workshop West. It was an incredible evening of theatre, starting off with a few numbers by the Chickadivas. The night was peppered by drag performances by DD Cupps, who hosted the evening with humor (when not tearing into a drumstick!). Nathan Cuckow had the crowd in stitches with a hysterically funny piece; Kristy Harcourt entertained with a piece of Edmonton's own gay history (and valuable lessons about selling used lube). There was a tremendously moving dramatic reading by Trevor Schmidt and two powerful songs by the luscious libesian Althea Cunningham. Andy Northrup offered a few songs, that ranged from tugging at your heart strings to igniting your moral indignation. Bryce Kulak performed a few sets of songs, queer, bitchy, funny, and yup, I fell just a little bit in love during "Paper and String". I predict this event will be much bigger in Pride 2005, and it was just an amazing showcase of the huge talent our city has. If you do one event next year, make it Acts of Pride.

The 17th Annual Mr and Mz Gay Edmonton Pageant was held Friday June 25 at Boots. Ruby Slippa' and Mattress stepped down and the crowds were entertained by past Gays as well as the current Upper House. Mz Gay III Weena Luv (also your current Princess) hosted the night. There were two candidates for Mz Gay: Southern Comfort and Mia Fellow, and the evening's three judges (Binki, Vanity Fair, and Leah Way) judged them on appearance, performance, attitude, audience response, and a question-and-answer. The evening ended with the crowning of Mz. Gay XVII Mia Fellow.

What the week had been building up to happened **Saturday June 26: the Annual GLBT Pride Dance at the Polish Hall**. Although some people were bitchy about a $25 charge, most got over it when they realized the costs at the Hall. Drinks were reasonable, the crowd was pretty, and weiners were available courtesy of Mr. Vera. As always, a great cap for the week.

Despite a long night of revelry at the 2004 Pride Dance, hundreds of eager Pride participants came out early Sunday morning June 27(OK, so it was actually noon, but that's EARLY for the LGBT community) and flocked (or is that frocked?) to the delectable **Pride Brunch hosted by Big Fresh and Pride Edmonton**.The scrumptious event helped to wrap up Edmonton's most successful Pride Week ever. As the attendees savoured a delicious pancake breakfast, City Councilor Michael Phair (AKA pancake chef extraordinaire) and the fabulous MLA Laurie Blakeman brought greetings on behalf of the city and province. Julie Lloyd and Murray Billet reviewed just how far LGBT people's equality rights have progressed and they discussed the current challenges facing the LGBT community as part of the Same Sex Marriage Forum. Nevertheless, the mood at the Brunch remained light-hearted as children enjoyed Youth Understanding Youth's colourful Penny Carnival and adults socialized amid the moving musical stylings of Pocket Universe. All in all, the Brunch was a perfect end to Pride Week 2004, celebrating the vitality and strength of Edmonton's LGBT community while still looking ahead toward the challenges that await us in the future. Perhaps the message from the Penny Carnival that was written in brightly coloured chalk on the Big Fresh parking lot - We love you all - is the perfect message to celebrate and highlight the colour, character and diversity of Edmonton's LGBT community. Yes, we love you ALL. Thanks Edmonton for making this the best Pride Week EVER!▽

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Pride Award Winners

City Councillor Michael Phair with The Edmonton Pride Week Proclamation

With the opening of the GLBT history display, the Pride Awards, and the raising of a Pride flag at City Hall, Pride Week officially began Friday June 18. Edmonton Vocal Minority was on hand for a couple of musical presentations. Greetings were given by City Councillor Michael Phair, MLA Laurie Blakeman, and Federal Justice Minister Irwin Cotler. Julie Lloyd and Murray Billet did a great job hosting the event, adding humor, and the occasional tear. The new Trans Award went to Mickey Wilson and the new Bisexual Award went to Todd Janes; both awards are now named after these first recipients. The Larry Sands Award (for a business that has solidly supported the LGBTQ community) went to Algonquin Travel. The Sheryl McInnis Award (for enriching the LGBTQ community through scholarship, teaching or academic pursuit) went to Kristopher Wells. The Maureen Irwin Award (for long term contribution by a lesbian woman) went to Shawna Hohendorff, and the Michael Phair Award (for long term contribution by a gay man) went to Blair Croft. The ceremonies were proceeded by a chance to socialize and enjoy some cocktails and a great buffet. This year's Pride Awards were so richly diverse that they truly provided a great start to the week.

Trans. Award Winner Mickey Wilson

Michael Phair Award Winner Blair Croft

Pride Certificates

Reinie Heydemann of Lutherans Concerned, Shona Neil and Ron Jenkins of Workshop West, Michael Woolley, Megan Heather, and Carl Swanson for their work on Gay-Straight Alliances at Ross Sheppard and Strathcona Composite High Schools, Paula Roberts of Edmonton Vocal Minority, Constables Steve Camp and Dave Huggins of Edmonton Police Service Hate & Bias Crimes Unit, Pride Squad Edmonton, Lambda Christian Community Church, and us, Fresh Magazine

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Dear Advice Squad,

I have a question for the Advice Squad in Fresh magazine. I had a threesome last night, well, at least I think it was. One of the guys didn't get naked, just watched, pretty much. It was weird, I guess, but he said he couldn't do anything because he has a boyfriend. What I want to know is, doesn't just that much count as cheating anyway? Where's the line?

Signed,
2 1/2 some

Dear 2 1/2some,

For your convenience, we have compiled a handy list of activities that are cheating, and those that aren't.

Not Cheating:

- watching two or more people have sex
- masturbating
- watching internet porn
- masturbating to internet porn with two or more people having sex… and so on.

Cheating:

- actively engaging in sexual activity
- passively engaging in sexual activity and liking it
- sex with a stranger
- sex with several strangers
- starring on a porn site while having sex with several strangers

Do you see a pattern here? Where is the line? We think the line has to do with real physical contact, not visual contact. At least that's what we tell ourselves, or we'd be cheating every time we showered at the gym. See you at Club Fit!▽

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How to Make Enemies and Alienate People

Through the QUEER View Mirror by Chris Samuel

Ahh, the internet: chat rooms, discussion boards, listserves. I keep hearing about the possibilities for making meaningful connections with people around the world. Internet offers the hope that however isolated you may be geographically, or however esoteric your interests may be, there is someone out there eagerly Googling their way across cyberspace to make your acquaintance.

Unfortunately, I do not make friends over the internet.

In real life, not everyone likes me, I can deal with that. But I like to think that the number of people who I encounter that think positively about me outweighs the number of people I piss off. On-line it's a whole different story. I've been YELLED AT IN CAPITAL LETTERS, I've been flamed, and I've started vicious debates that left people threatening to leave listserves. I think a highlight for me, though, was being called 'nummymuffin' by a queer skinhead in Philadelphia. Ouch.

So, for those of you who are seeking to do evil in the world, for those who seek to create anger and resentment where there was only peace before, I humbly submit a few pointers. Sadly, these are all a little more biographical than I would like.

> "for those of you who are seeking to do evil in the world, for those who seek to create anger and resentment where there was only peace before, I humbly submit a few pointers"

1) Respond to all postings immediately. Oooh people make me so mad!!! I have been sent racist e-mails, received postings from list-serves that were either ill-informed or simply unintelligible, and of course am swamped by messages celebrating the latest 'advance' down the road to same-sex marriage. Each of these demands - demands, I say - a response. Luckily, thanks to technology, I won't be waiting for the post office or for a chance to calmly compose a response over a cup of tea. If I wait, someone else might respond first! If that happens, how will everyone know that I am smarter, more articulate and better informed than the original poster? My reputation is as much at stake as the need to get accurate, unbiased facts out onto the internet. The advantage of this immediate response philosophy, for those of us trying to make enemies and alienate people, is that whatever I post is guaranteed to contain typos, poorly constructed sentences and, most importantly, that certain tone of self-righteousness that can only be achieved through a knee-jerk response to someone else's posting. My posts tends to be met in kind by some other hack giving you his or her two-cents worth in their own knee-jerk and poorly thought out fashion. They might even call you 'nummymuffin' and hurt your feelings. This is not the way to build bridges.

2) Don't bother editing or re-reading. Stream-of-consciousness writing gives potential enemies a bigger target. There is a particular type of cyber-pariah who enjoys correcting other people's obvious mistake, while including a mistake of their own. Try posting snide comments like "why should we take your opinion seriously when you refer to the film festival in 'Canes' when it should be 'Cannas'?". This tactic requires that you attempt to humiliate your newfound enemy by pointing out an error that you are actually in the process of making yourself.

3) Take your eyes off the prize. The internet is a tool for finding sex and any attempts to deviate from this goal will only create confrontation. You can work your way into the 'Intellectuals' chat room at gay.com, but don't expect to talk politics. Instead, be prepared to use multi-syllabic words to describe your endowment instead of the more typical vernacular. As I recall, my own experience on this front ended up with me unintentionally pissing off an online drag queen and getting into a resentful argument about the possibility of piercings becoming entangled.

4) Post things drunk. Okay, this is definitely not one to be proud of, but too many of us have been there. You have a drink and surf the net. Then you have another and another and then you post your thesis on all that is wrong in the world and why things would be much better off if people would just be more like you. Being drunk lets you feel comfortable employing irony and sarcasm in your postings as well as making references which you think are clever but are really just obscure. None of the above will win you friends.

So there you have the foundations of a lifetime of online confrontation and rancor. Keep posting and continue making connections but if we meet in cyberspace somewhere just don't piss me off, nummymuffin! ▽

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School's OUT!

By the Out is In Project

So school's out for the summer and your school's gay-straight alliance is over for the year. What's the hip young queer to do for the summer? How about checking out Youth Understanding Youth - Edmonton's lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-identified, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth group?

What is Youth Understanding Youth (YUY)? YUY is an adult facilitated social/support group that strives to create a safe place where LGBTQ and Allied youth, who are under 25, can explore and express their interests and needs. We strive to create an atmosphere where all youth can expect to be supported and respected for their contributions and unique individual differences. A person's confidentiality is always respected and protected at YUY.

YUY has been Edmonton's #1 peer support and discussion group for LGBTQ youth for the past 6 years. On any given Saturday night we have between 20-30 youth who attend our meetings. YUY receives no financial support from the government or any other service agency. Our biggest supporters have been Edmonton's Pride organization, Magic Lantern Theatres (Princess/Garneau), and the Imperial Court of the Wild Rose (Edmonton's local Drag Queen/King/Genderqueer association) The Imperial Court has provided many YUY members and LGBTQ student leaders with scholarships to help them pursue their educational studies. Without community and individual support YUY would not exist. Thank you to all our volunteers and supporters who are helping LGBTQ youth live proud and visible lives.

A typical Saturday night at YUY:
YUY starts its meetings by having a youth co-facilitator read aloud the philosophy statement (We call this the Pink Sheet!). Then co-facilitators and group members sit in a circle and introduce themselves. Next, everyone is invited to answer a youth-created icebreaker question. For example, members might respond to one of the following starter questions: What do you find most attractive about another guy or girl? Who is your favorite queer singer? What is your favorite queer-themed movie? Following the icebreaker exercise, everyone is invited to share his or her positive and negative experiences for the week. All youth have the option to pass on any questions. Participation is encouraged, but always optional. These opening activities usually take forty-five minutes. After a five to ten minute break, group members participate in the evening's planned event.

All of our Saturday evening activities are selected and organized by YUY members at our planning meetings. These activities generally revolve around the following themes:

Theme 1 is **Discussion Night** where YUY members and the occasional guest speaker engage in discussing topics such as spirituality, safer sex, drugs & alcohol or group members discuss topics including relationships, coming out, dating, and school issues.

Theme 2 is **Sharing Our Stories** where one or two group members take the opportunity to speak about their coming out and coming to terms experience.

Theme 3 is **Activity Night** where group members take part, for example, in drama games, bowling, picnics in the park, and Pride Day planning activities. On of our most popular events has been our 'drag drama night!'

Theme 4 is **Fringe Night** where group members share special talents (such as dance, poetry, music, and art) or something that has special meaning to them (such as pictures, quotes, or collectibles).

Theme 5 is **Movie Night** where group members watch queer-themed, contemporary movies like But I'm a Cheerleader, The Broken Heart's Club, Bound, or Mambo Italiano.

There's always something fun and exciting happening at YUY. So if you're looking for something to do this summer, drop by and check us out!

For more information, please visit out website ***http://members.shaw.ca/yuy*** or email one of our youth co-facilitators to find out what other youth think of YUY. Bart deus_multi_verarum@hotmail.com; Jen the_pixie_in_the_forest@hotmail.com; Clinton littlestar3x@hotmail.com

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YUY meets every Saturday at the Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton Suite 45,9912-106st from 7-9 PM. (After August 1st all YUY meetings will be at the new Pride Centre of Edmonton - check our website for regular updates.)▽

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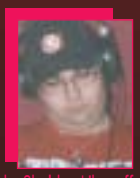
Velvet Revolver - *Contraband*

(RCA Records/BMG)



by Sheldon L'henaff

Take three fifths of Guns N Roses, throw in Scott Weiland of Stone Temple Pilots fame, and Dave Kushner and the result is electrifying. For former gunner Slash and cohorts, *Contraband* by ***Velvet Revolver*** is a second coming in which will definitely turn the listener on its ear. This album has been highly anticipated since 2002, and upon first listen it's easy to see why. Songs like "*Do It For The Kids*" and "*Big Machine*" are amazing return to form for Slash, Duff and Matt Sorum, who have not only proven why they were the core of Guns' N Roses, but also have moved on and left Axl Rose in the dust. Weiland's voice has never sounded better. On "*Big Machine*", "*Illegal I Song*" and leadoff track "*Slither*", his vocals perfectly fit the musical mould.

While this album is what seems to be a total update and mesh of the Guns'/Stone Temple Pilots sound, it's still not your typical hard rock/alternative fodder. "*Dirty Little Thing*" and "*Spectacle*" are further proof that this is not a carbon copy sound, which was lifted off of someone else. *Contraband* is the fitting beginning to what could be a long lasting career for Velvet Revolver. The era of the supergroup begins here…▽

Good Faith

by Michael Asman

Wet is the dew on a newly elected Prime Minister of Canada. Just who will it be? Perhaps the refurbished Conservative Party impressed enough disillusioned, right-leaning liberals with their promises of fiscal responsibility and a return to bootstrap common sense to scrape together a slim minority. Stephen Harper's bangs could earn some serious respect, for their perfect straightness alone.

Maybe Jack Layton convinced voters that his party has learned from the mistakes made by former tax-and-spend socialists and won enough seats to actually carry some voting weight. People seem to be rethinking the notion of radicalism. Protest isn't all that effective anymore and if Layton belted out enough karaoke with his lovely, telegenic wife, maybe he's got a shot at keeping the mucky-mucks in step.

Most likely? Paul Martin took enough shit to earn the respect of a country that insisted on punishing him for cinching the public belt year's back. Golden to politics and business, the citizenry finally had the opportunity to squeeze him a bit-some payback for those cuts and taxes when he was the lauded Minister of Finance. All that whipping over the Sponsorship scandal probably tapped into a wellspring of voter sympathy afterward, making the country Grit encore.

"You're giving all the ass... How many inches is enough?"

I wonder though: who are the strategists that chart and drive these elections? The ones who decide that politicians should be trying to entertain us, rather than discussing complexity and the difficulty of change in an elected assembly? These people have great jobs. Can you imagine John Deifenbaker riding a mechanical bull to prove he hasn't lost touch with the people? It's pretty crazy what our leaders will do to win votes.

Whoever the ruling party is, they'll no doubt leaving us all gasping in disbelief soon enough. Maybe we like to be fooled by our politicians. Like a nation of gin-plied blondes, we're easily made but then cranky and biter when the promises don't add up. We really should know better, shouldn't we?

Do you lie on the wet spot after sex? When you're both too spent to change the sheets or even lay a towel to cover the overflow, do you suck it up and sleep on the gooey spot? Does this count as a compromise? Is this considered a sacrifice in the relationship?

Better just to slide over and let the other body soak into the fluids and Astroglide, knowing it will soon grow cold and sticky. Maybe you'll feel guilty, lying awake there in the smooth, warm, safe part of the bed. Doubt might creep in. Are you good enough for them? Maybe they aren't good enough for you? Lovers make you pay too high a price for what you get back, don't they? You're giving all the ass. It's too absurd sometime. How many inches is enough?

Is this why you cling to youth? Because of that sense of optimism that actually means something? Never realized that before now.

When they fall asleep first, does your heart freeze? After the pleasure's spent, how wet can the tears run? When you just can't believe it's fallen apart, again. When will they leave for good? You can tell they're already sick of you. How could they not be? Maybe there's way to turn it around this time. It could be the weather. Better pray for rain.

Wet are the worried eyes of parents who throw going away parties for their soldier sons and daughters. Prepared to leave for tours of duty, trained and fierce and everyone is so proud of bravery and patriotism they must take a million pictures! No on mentions the obvious, (the potential for unspeakable grief, when the hidden casket returns home with no president at the funeral.) The tone at the parities is light (optimistically shrill) and the gratitude for their freedom is slightly forced.

When the goodbye cake is served, there will be no more questions. Outside, in the hazy dusk, the Stars and Stripes flaps in a stirring breeze. Faiths in the Almighty will provide

Wet are the secret spots in the river valley. Those places where the hot sun can't reach. Inside the forest, inside the city, there is silence and soft breeze. Everywhere else it is dry but within the green, hidden for a moment, is a sacred spot.

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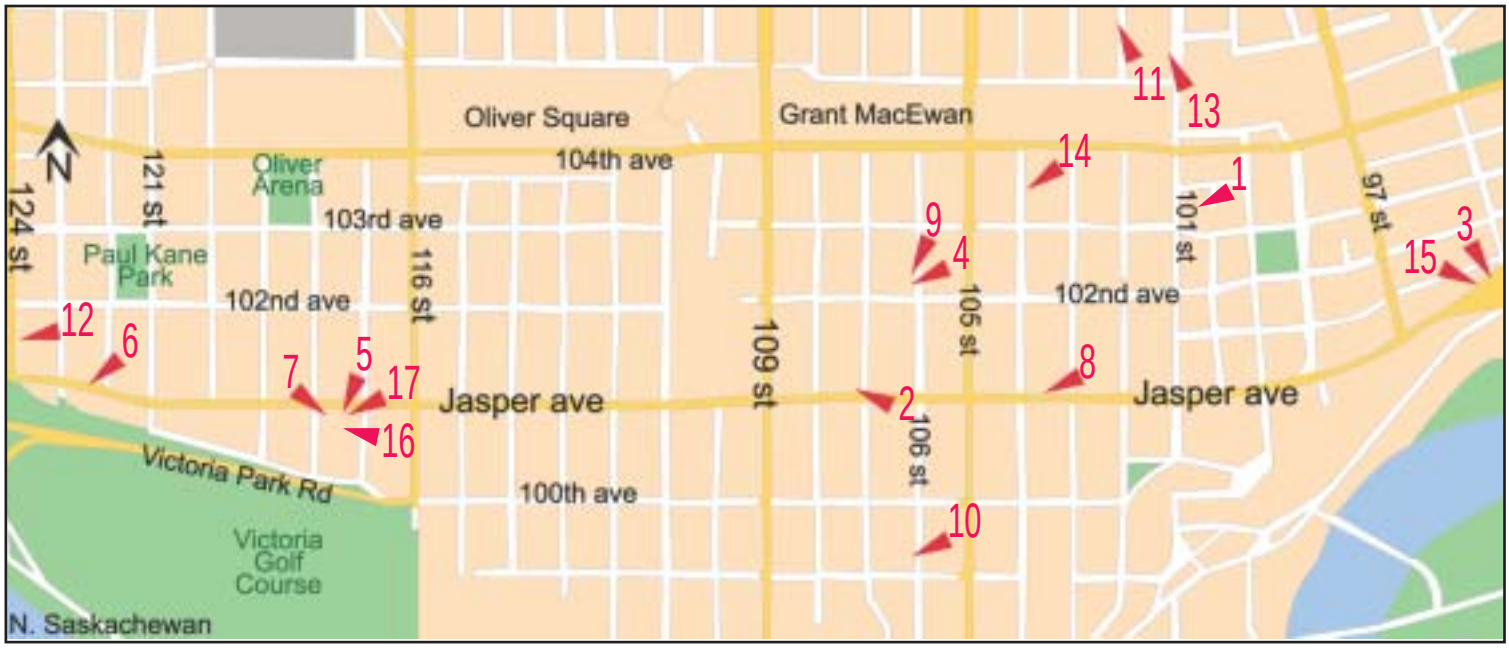

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A group of hairy Gay or Bisexual guys who get together every Saturday night for late-night swimming (at a local public pool) and snacks afterwards, and the occasional group-coffee or movie event.
http://altbears.8k.com

Bisexual Support Group
Meets at 7:30 PM on the last Wednesday of every month at GLCCE
Call 488-3234 for more information
E-mail:
bipride@telus.net

Buck Naked Boys Club of Edmonton
A social men's club for the enjoyment of naturism - being naked at a social, non-sexual monthly meetings. We meet on the second Saturday of each month and our now been getting together for 7 years.
bnbc4@interbaun.com
clubweb.interbaun.com/fdicker/BNBC.htm

CAANS
Serves the David Thompson Health Region from Drumheller to Drayton Valley, Nordegg to the Saskatchewan border. We are serving a population of over 287,000. Our Mission: Fostering healthy responses to HIV and related issues, through support, education and research.
Toll free:1-877-346-8858
www.mycommunity-information.com/caans

Edmonton Prime Timers
is a chapter of Prime Timers Worldwide, an international social organization for mature gay and bisexual men. We meet the second Sunday of every month (except July and August) at 3:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 12530 - 110 Avenue. For more information, contact Peter at 426-7019 or by email at:
edmontonpt@yahoo.ca

fresh Featured Community Group

making waves

Making Waves is the Masters swim club for the gay and lesbian community, and their friends. Since 1999, we have promoted the masters philosophy of "Fun, Fitness, Friendship & Participation" in a gay positive and supportive environment. We offer twice weekly practices with friendly and supportive coaches for novice, as well as competitive swimmers. As well, Making Waves swim club also strives to provide a socially active environment for our participants at events throughout the year. Practices resume September, 2004. For more information on joining Making Waves, check out our webpage at www3.telus.net/makingwaves, or e-mail us at makingwaves_edm@yahoo.com

Edmonton Rainbow Business Association
Gay Men and Lesbians and our non-gay friends in business. Network in a positive proud space where being yourself is the norm. Memberships $25.00/year Contact Bill Faulkner at 422-6207

EVM
Edmonton Vocal Minority
The choir rehearses Monday evenings from Sept. to June. Check out their website at www.evmchoir.com for info on how and when to join, or send e-mail to sing@evmchoir.com

Gaywire
... radio that recruits. Join co-hosts Kristy Harcourt and Chris Samuel every Thursday at 6:00 pm for news, and entertainment dedicated to Edmonton's queer communities. The best source for updates to thegay agenda! Only on CJSR FM88

GLCCE
Gay and Lesbian Community Centre Providing resources, referrals and support about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues. #45, 9912-106 Street, Edmonton, AB. (780)488-3234
www.edmc.net/glcce
Open Monday-Friday Office Hours 1:30-5:30 and Drop-In 7-10pm

HIV Edmonton
New address 105, 10550 - 102 Street Edmonton, AB T5H 2T3
mail@hivedmonton.com (all general email, specific will be forwarded to appropriate staff)

www.hivedmonton.com
The purpose of the HIV Network of Edmonton Society's, serving Edmonton and its regions, is to educate, provide support to and advocate on behalf of those infected and affected by HIV and related conditions and to engage in health promotion and harm reduction with all populations.

Illusions Social Club
A social club for crossdressers, trans-sexuals and other transgendered individuals and their supporters. Meets the second Thursday of each month, upstairs at the Roost or at GLCCE. For info: Write to Box 356, Main PO, Edm AB T5J 2J6
E-mail:
illusionsx42@yahoo.com
Phone 964-8399

Inside/Out
A social and support group for LGBTQ staff, faculty, grad students and postdocs at U of A. We meet monthly during the academic year for a discussion, snacks, and coffee. We also host a speaker series featuring LGBTQ-related research on campus. For more information please contact Marjorie Wonham mwonham@ualberta.ca or Kris Wells kwells@ualberta.ca

ISCWR
Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose
For 27 years, the Court has been here to fundraise for charities and local organizations. Meetings are held the last Wednesday of the Month at the Garage at 8:30 PM. Email the court at wildrosecourt@yahoo.com and visit us online at www.geocities.com/wildrosecourt

Lambda Christian Community Church
Providing a safe and healing space for Edmonton's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered Christians and their friends. 7pm Worship Service Sunday
11148-84 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta T6G 0V8
(780) 887-8611
lambdachurch@shaw.ca

Living Positive
Living Positive is a coalition of persons with HIV infection providing tangible peer social support. Suite100 10550-102 Street Edmonton, Alberta T5H 2T3
(780) 488-5768
www.telusplanet.net/public/livepos

Lutherans Concerned

A spiritual community for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and straight people. Lutherans Concerned gathers monthly for worship, sharing and friendship. We offer individual support, resources and a safe place for our own spiritual questions
Mailing Address (All Chapters): #302, 9505 - 77 Ave, Edmonton, AB,T6C OM3
E-mail: lcedmonton@lcna.org
Website: http://www.lcna.org
Phone:(Western Canada)780-426-0905
Phone:(Eastern Canada) 416-599-7337

Making Waves Swim Club

(MWSC) is open to all who are interested in lane swimming in a Masters club, we provide coaching to all levels of swimmers. Drop in gives you flexibility to match your schedule.We swim at: Bonnie Doon Leisure Centre, 8648-81 Street
Edmonton from Sept. to June
makingwaves_edm@yahoo.com
www3.telus.net/makingwaves

Northern Chaps

Northern Chaps,
P O Box 74042,
Peppertree RPO,
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2S7

Northern Chaps is Edmonton's Original leather, latex, fetish and uniform club founded in February 1984 and is based in Edmonton, Alberta. Everyone is welcome! Northern Chaps is not a sex club. Our mission is to provide our members with a safe environment to learn more about the leather, latex, fetish and uniform lifestyles and to meet others with similar interests. Visit us, in person, the first and third Saturday of every month starting at 10PM at Buddy's Nite Club,11725B Jasper Ave

Open Door Club

of Grant MacEwan College
meetings weekly support, events social, gatherings awareness campaigns and more.
www.odc.mypage.org
or e-mail:
odcgmc@msn.com

Out Is In

Out Is In is an arts-based educational project that works with youth, schools, and communities to help build the resilience and capacity-building skills of LGBTQ and allied youth and teachers in addressing issues of safety and homophobia.

Email:
outisin@ualberta.ca
Website:
www.ualberta.ca/~outisin

Out Is In is funded by the Department of Justice Canada and organized by Dr. Andre Grace in the Department of Educational Policy Studies, Faculty of Education, UofA.

OUTreach

U of A GBLT-Q Group
Box 75 SUB, U of A
Edmonton, AB T6J 4J7
www.ualberta.ca/~outreach
outreach@ualberta.ca
An academic atmosphere for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered and queer friendly youth, students, staff, faculty and community. We meet every tuesday

during the school year @ 5pm at Athebasca Hall with coffee every tuesday after (even in summer)

Pride Squad

Edmonton is one of North America's community-based cheer squads for queer folks and their supporters. It is an acrobatic Cheer Team for anyone who is bi-sexual, gay, or lesbian. Some of the functions are fund-raising and just simply doing some cheer work for in and around the community.
(780) 708-1649
edm_pride_squad@hotmail.com
Web-site:
http://www.geocities.com/pridesquadedm

Police Liaison Committee

Promotes understanding between the Edmonton City Police and the GLBT community. (780) 488-3234, (780)421-2277
fdicker4@compusmart.ab.ca

Rainbow Slo-Pitch

We play on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm at Parkallen Field-corner of 111 st. and 68 ave.starting the first wednesday in May thru the middle of September. Come early the first couple of weeks to register. Strictly for FUN only, no ball hogs please-although our skill levels run the gamut. Fees are 30$/season or 2$ drop in. Full fees gets a membership to the Roost{our after ball watering hole}, playing time and a season ending party-
fixitina@shaw.ca
423-9925

Sunday Evening Discussion Group

A facilitated discussion group for men of all ages. Enjoy the comradery and support of discussion of any subject that effects our queer community. Every Sunday evening at 7 pm at GLCCE #45, 9912-106 st, Edmonton.
(780) 488-3234
fdicker4@compusmart.ab.ca

True Spirit North

TS/TG Support Group
Mixed gender group that provides support and education for trans-identified people.Meets on the last Tuesday of every month from 7:30-9:30 PM at GLCCE (Gay & Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton), Suite 45, 9912-106 St. NW
Edmonton, AB
truespiritnorth@shaw.ca

Womonspace

womonspace is a publication of the Womonspace Social and Recreational Society of Edmonton, a non-profit volunteer organization. Our purpose is to inform and entertain our members and other interested lesbians.

Womonspace Social and Recreational Society
(780) 482-1794
Box 128, Main PO
Edmonton, AB
T5J 3J4
www.gaycanada.com/womonspace/

Youth Understanding Youth

Come and join us every Saturday from 7:00-9:00pm at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Edmonton, #45,9912-106st Edmonton, Alberta. The mission of Youth understanding Youth is to provide a warm and friendly place where lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, straight, and questioning youth, who are under the age of 25, can gather together to have fun and learn about themselves and others in a safe, supportive and caring environment.
members.shaw.ca/yuy

Do you have a community group for the Queer Listings or a location for Gay Edmonton Downtown? E-mail us the up to date info at main@freshmagazine.ca

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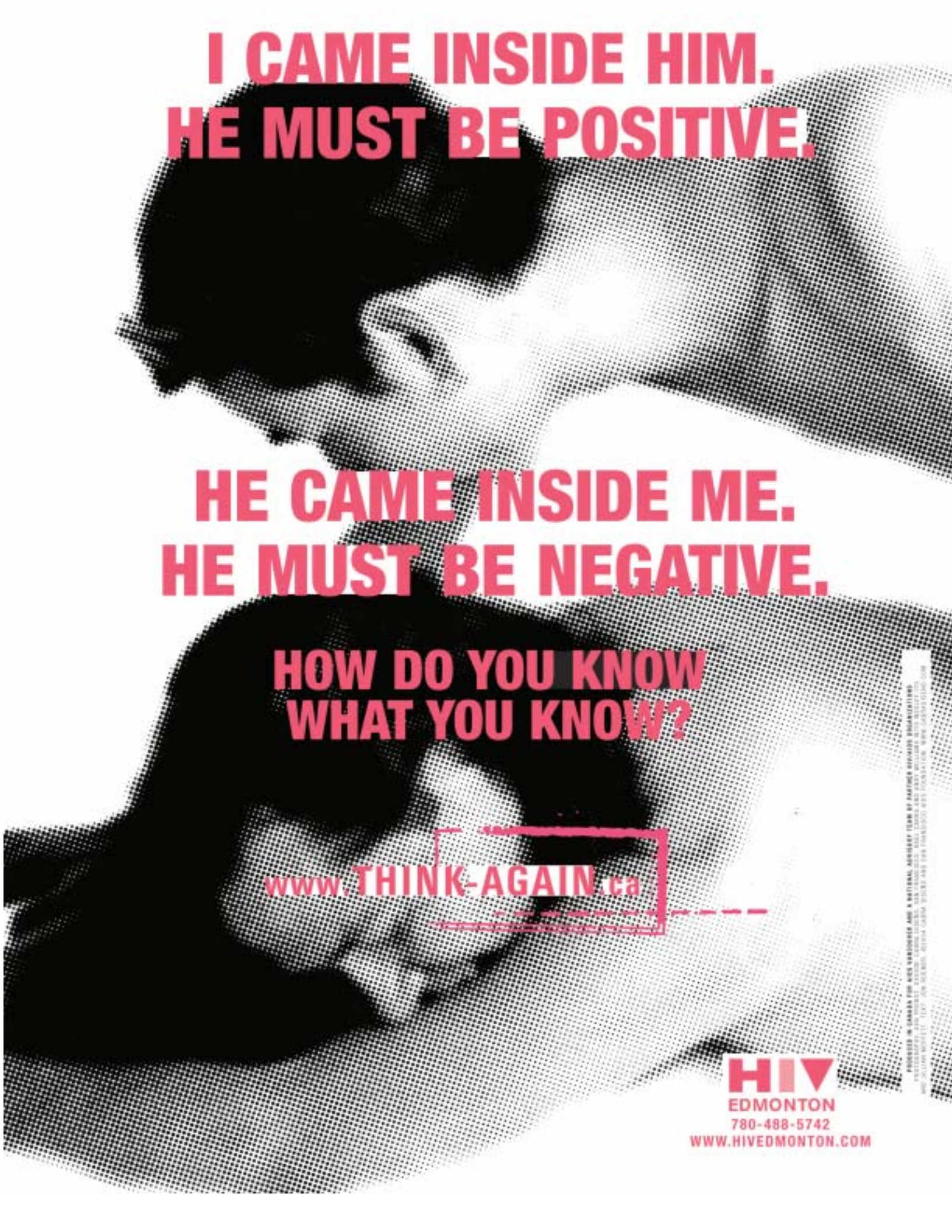
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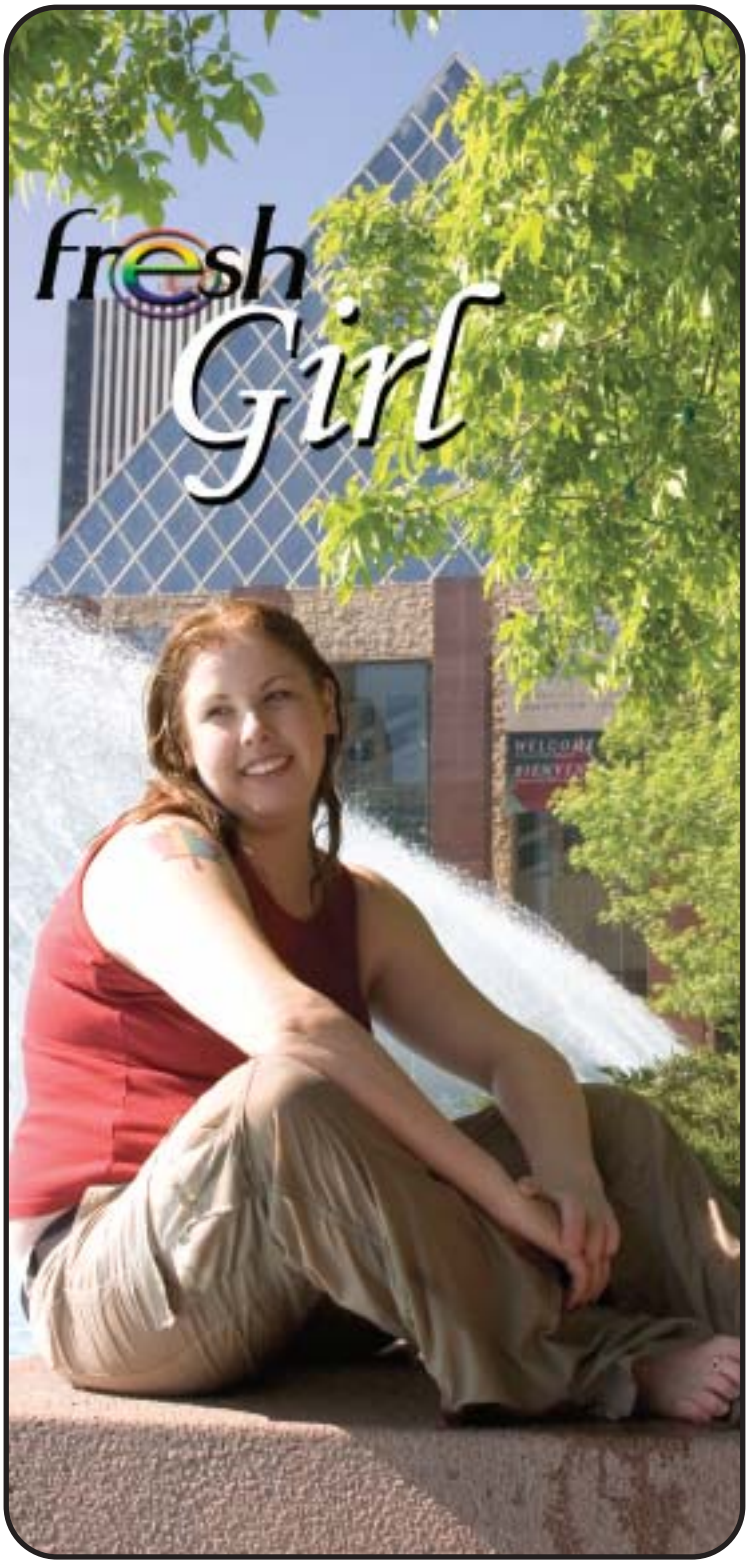

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The Votes are In!

we asked YOU which fresh boy and which fresh girl you wanted to see on August's cover, AND ITS A SHOCKER!!! but you'll just have to wait until next month to find out!

It will be an exciting August issue and we remind you that we're the only local GLBT mag that puts out 2 summer issues.

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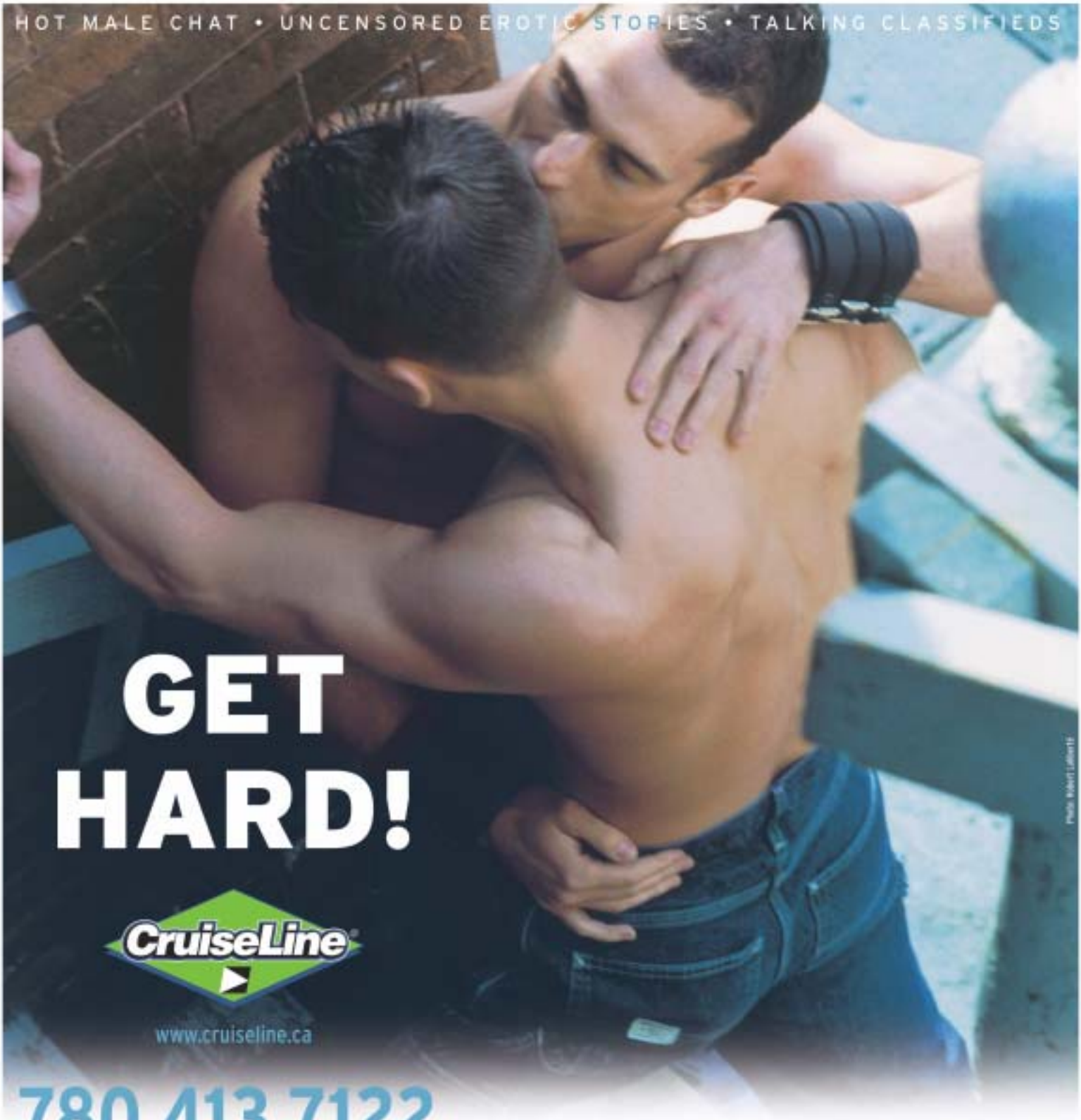
Liz

A.k.a. Lizbian is a 22 year old, who loves taking risks and being adventurous. You can sometimes find this hottie dancing to her favourite songs or playing pool at The Roost. Currently Liz is looking to meet new friends and working. She will be going back to school, taking mechanics, in the fall. ▽



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